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## NOTHING DOING

The Board of Health Makes Another Failure—Poor Thing.

## NO QUORUM WAS PRESENT

The Board Should Resign In Favor of Officers Who Will Meet.

## OVER ESTIMATES ITS AUTHORITY

The decrepit board of health is having another one of its periodic spasms. A meeting was called last night for the purpose of considering matters in general, but a quorum failed to show up, and the meeting was declared off. The people of Paducah need to have a little respect for the board of health but it has shown such a crying lack of enterprise and such a disregard of its authority and its meetings have repeatedly resulted in such farces that it would be a most acceptable benefit to the general public if the board would resign. It is little better than no board. It makes charges that it fails to sustain, and points out evils that it fails to rectify. It transacts its business largely through the papers, instead of through the proper channels, and arrogates to itself authority that it does not possess, and ignores authority that it does possess.

One object of last night's meeting, according to a contemporary, was to consider the failure of the meat and milk inspectors to make a report to the board of health. The ordinance creating the office and prescribing the duties thereof, does not require the inspector to make a report to any one. His report, made to the mayor yesterday, was voluntary, and made only to show what he had done.

The board of health also seems to think it has the power to appoint sanitary officers. Mayor Lang thinks not.

"The board of health," declared Mayor Lang this morning, "is subordinate to the city council, not coordinate. Just now it is very insubordinate, however. The board has nothing to do with appointing sanitary officers. They are elected by the council, and their salaries are allowed by the council. Sanitary Officer Schroeder has resigned, and turned his star over to me, but I have had no opportunity to present his resignation to the council, in order that his successor may be elected."

"The board of health makes itself ridiculous. It is always creating some sort of a stir. Its proceedings are written largely for the effect they will have when printed in the paper. Its efficiency is fully evidenced by the frequency with which it meets, and the many things that it does—on paper. The interest its members take in the health and welfare of the city is betokened by their prompt attendance when a meeting is called. I believe they have had at least one meeting in the last three months."

If the board of health has any authority under the law, it has the means of enforcing it whenever necessary. If it has failed to do anything it deemed necessary, it was the fault of the board, for it has the power to do it, as has every other authorized municipal body invested with any power whatever. That it has done nothing but send interviews to the newspapers is ample proof of its inefficiency. The people want a board that will do something, and not allow the city to reek in filth through the hot, disease-breeding summer months, and then as cool weather approaches again begin its foolish and futile "exposures."

In the alleged sale of diseased meat, instead of prosecuting the person, if such there were, it gave out a narrowing interview that turned the public's stomach, instead of swearing out warrants and making an example of the supposed malefactor.

One thing about the board is evident. It has done no good. If it has done no harm, it has done its best to convince the public of evils that it has made no effort to abate or obviate.

Health Officer Graves is quoted in the morning paper as saying: "If I am health officer next year I expect to have the co-operation of the board, and if the new council does not free itself from the influence and dictates of the water company I expect to take legal proceedings from the lowest to the highest court in the land until the people are furnished with filtered water and the public health of the community is benefited and the death rate decreased one-half."

Why wait for the next council? There has been ample opportunity this summer, and according to the health

officer's own statement, there is right now. If the present council is dominated by influences that prove detrimental to the welfare of the general public, the present council is the one the health authorities ought to be after, instead of waiting for the next council, which may not be.

The Sun has always been for an improvement in the sanitary condition of the city, and now it is for a board of health that will do something itself and not expect everybody but the members of the board of health to remedy existing evils.

## THREE LYNCHED

Negroes Taken From the Jail at Wickliffe and Hanged.

## ALL THREE CONFESSED

They Killed Wash Thomas With a Club and Robbed Him Near Wickliffe.

## ALL A WORTHLESS LOT

Wickliffe, Sept. 12.—There was a triple lynching here last night. Ernest Harrison, Sam Reed and Frank Howard, the negroes who killed Wash Thomas Saturday night and robbed him, were taken from the jail about 10 o'clock last night by Thomas's friends and hanged to a cross beam in McCawley's mill.

All three confessed. Thomas worked at a tobacco warehouse, and came from Henderson. The dead negroes worked at a brick yard and learning Saturday night that Thomas had money, they waylaid him, assaulted him with a club and then robbed him.

They were a worthless lot, and after a lively chase, were captured, and the evidence against them was conclusive. The lynching was very quiet, and the men in the mob were colored. They had no trouble in getting possession of the keys of the jail and lost no time in accomplishing their work. At 9 o'clock this morning the bodies were still hanging, but were later cut down and an inquest held. There is very little excitement here over the hanging.

The name of the negro killed was known to some as John Tompkins. Later reports state that the mob was mixed, not all being negroes.

## SITE SELECTED.

BUFFALO BILL WILL BE BACK OF THE RAILROAD HOSPITAL.

Mr. Mat Pyles, the commission merchant, has the contract to furnish the produce for the big Buffalo Bill show during the day it will be in Paducah. The following are the items and the amount of produce the stock will consume will be surprising to say the least.

According to Mr. Pyles he will furnish 18,000 pounds of hay, 10,000 pounds of straw, 150 bushels of bran and 100 bushels of oats. Such a bill for the stock alone shows what expense the big show runs under and this expense is one only of the many other expenses the management have to meet every day. The big marksmen stars, people who are in demand all over the country, by such shows, and other performers on horseback and in other features of the show draw enormous salaries and taking everything in consideration it costs a small fortune to run the show one day.

The Buffalo Bill show will occupy a site back of the Illinois Central hospital, the only available one that could be found. Mr. Semon settled this yesterday.

## DEATH AT SHARPE.

Miss Zola Dossett, aged 16, a well known young lady of Sharpe, Marshall county, died last evening from typhoid fever, after a long illness. She resided with her brother-in-law, Mr. Hiram Russell, and was a daughter of the late John A. Dossett. The remains were buried today at Bethlehem cemetery.

## A FLOATING PALACE HERE.

The Henschbach & Henderson floating palace carries two performers well known in Paducah. Mr. J. Y. Lewis, who played the "rube" on the streets is late of the Al. Reeves burlesque shows, and is well known as a comedian, especially in the role of the "rube."

Prof. Rawlston, the cornet soloist, who traveled with the Eugene Robinson floating palace, is with the company and featured in the concert today on the street. Both men are well known here, and the show tonight will no doubt be well attended.

A wild steer is dangerous either on lake or ranch.

## A GULLY WASHER

The Rainfall One of the Largest Ever Known in Paducah.

## WAS OVER THREE INCHES

Damage to the County Roads, and the Streets of the City, Reported.

## SOME INJURY TO THE CROPS

The rainfall last night in this section, as reported by Observer Wm. Bornemann, was 3.30 inches.

Yesterday afternoon it was .12 of an inch. This is one of the largest rainfalls on record for the length of time, and decidedly the largest in this vicinity for many months. The rain came down in torrents, and did much damage throughout the county.

Supervisor Johnson, of the county roads, began getting reports of the damage done to the roads early in the morning, and found that in places yards and yards of gravel was washed away, leaving large holes in the roads. In one place near the junction of the Lovelaceville and Blandville roads, the damage is estimated at \$150, and this is only one of the many places where the torrents wrought unusual damage.

The streets in the city fared likewise, only the damage was not so great. In many places, however, large holes were washed by the down-pour, and on lower Broadway the dirt and gravel washed off and down the thoroughfare was two inches or more deep, and had to be shoveled off by the chain gang.

For a time Broadway resembled a miniature river, the storm water sewers filling faster than they could carry off the water.

Considerable damage is reported to crops especially ripening fruit. Many of the peach trees were almost divested of their loads of fruit, and many of the crops badly damaged or washed entirely away.

Some of the smaller bridges, also, in the city, were floated away, and doubtless when the county is heard from it will be learned that some of the culverts and smaller crossings were also washed away.

The big smockstack of the Jackson foundry was blown down last night during the storm. The roof of the building was partially wrecked. The amount of water that fell could be plainly seen by the condition of the hollows about the city. Near the I. C. railroad and the hills at Tennessee street and the adjacent territory the water was standing many feet deep. The big railroad culverts convert the water into regular rapids, which continued until late in the afternoon.

All the surrounding country suffered greatly from the wind and rain, many fences being blown and torn down by the wind and falling trees.

## BIG CONTRACT.

GRIFFITH AND SHERRELL, AT MAYFIELD, GET IT.

In addition to the big contract let to Fields Brothers, of Fulton, for furnishing tobacco to Fringo, of the Italian government, yesterday one was let to Griffith and Sherrell, of Mayfield, for about 3,000,000 pounds of tobacco.

Mr. M. B. Nash, of the city, has bought tobacco for the Italian government for the past several years, and it is presumed will continue to buy it. No contract is let for that bought here.

## INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.

Brussels, Sept. 12.—King Leopold has sent from Bagueres de Luchon a long telegram to President McKinley expressing hope for his complete recovery. Prince Albert, whom Mr. McKinley recently received at Washington, joined his personal sympathy in a dispatch addressed to Mrs. McKinley. I hear from the best source that negotiations are pending between the European powers and America for an international anti-anarchist conference at Brussels.

## TWO PRISONERS ESCAPE.

Shelbyville, Sept. 12.—There was a jail delivery here last night, two prisoners sawing out.

## MARRIAGE NEAR FULTON.

Fulton, Sept. 12.—Mr. Chas. Lowe, and Miss Amie Adams were united in marriage at 7 o'clock last night at the home of the bride in Pierce Station three miles south of Fulton. Rev. W. J. Hampton, the Baptist minister, performed the ceremony.

The damage resulting from the collapse of the tank at the New City Laundry has about been repaired, and the laundry is running again.

## BECOMES A BENEDICT

Coroner George Phelps Creates Surprise By Marrying.

He and Mrs. Jennie Keith Married By Justice Barber This Morning.

Coroner George B. Phelps, after a bachelorhood of 60 years married this morning shortly before 12 o'clock at his residence on Elizabeth street near Fourth.

His bride is Mrs. Jennie Keith, age 50, who this morning was granted a divorce from her husband in the circuit court. "The judge," as Coroner Phelps is called, was standing by when the judgment was filed. "Just watch me," he said, "and I will give you a surprise."

He went to County Court Clerk Chas. Graham and asked for a marriage license.

"Who for?" was Mr. Graham's inquiry.

"For myself, of course. Whom did you think I was buying a license for?" retorted the coroner.

When the surprise had abated Mr. Graham issued the license and "the judge" wended his way to the office of Squire Barber and enlisted the services of that worthy magistrate, who was taken to his residence and tied the knot.

Coroner Phelps met his wife about two years ago when she moved here from Tennessee and has been boarding with her for the past year. A friendship sprang up soon after their acquaintance which culminated in the wedding.

He is now receiving double congratulations, one for his recovery from a spell of illness and the other for his marriage.

## IN CUSTOM HOUSE.

COMMISSIONER GADRNER WILL DOUBTLESS GET AN OFFICE.

Custodian F. M. Fisher will recommend that U. S. Commissioner W. A. Gardner be granted an office in the government building. There is plenty of room and all that prevents his going there now is the fact that it is against the rules and the government is very strict as to the observance of rules.

Formerly court was held by both the commissioner and the referee in bankruptcy, in the United States court room, but one day an inspector happened to come along, and seeing what was being done, informed the officials that they had no right to hold court there without permission and forbade them doing it again.

It is thought upon recommendation of the custodian the department at Washington will have no hesitancy in granting the desired permission.

## SCHLEY COURT.

IT CONVENED AT WASHINGTON THIS MORNING.

Washington, Sept. 12.—The Schley court of inquiry convened at the Washington navy yard today, with a large crowd in attendance.

All the members of the court are in Washington, Rear Admiral Howison, the third member, arriving last night. The impression at the navy department is that the taking of the testimony will not begin today, although that was the original expectation. No summons has yet been issued for Admiral Sampson and it is said very few formal summonses have been issued by the department.

It was decided after court convened to hold open sessions. Admiral Schley challenged Admiral Howison as a member of the court, filing a long challenge.

## HORTON CAUGHT.

CHARGED WITH MALICIOUS ASSAULT AND WENT TO JAIL.

Will Horton was arrested by Officer Ed Clark this morning on a charge of maliciously assaulting Tom Kalor, in Mechanicsburg day before yesterday. Kalor works at the Bekkopf tannery, and it is alleged the fight started over forty cents Kalor claimed Horton owed him. Kalor was both beaten and cut. Horton was unable to give bond and was locked up to await trial in the morning.

## ALASKAN POSTMASTER SHORT.

Seattle, Wash., Sept. 12.—Joshua Wright, the postmaster at Nome has been arrested and held for trial on the charge of embezzling \$3,200 from the government of the United States. Postal Inspector Clum testified that upon the first examination of Wright's affairs he found a shortage of over \$10,500. This was on Monday. Between that time and Wednesday Wright replaced \$7,300.

If some people were civilized they would not be holding down such good jobs in the dime museums.

## DANGER IS OVER

Great Good Attends the Reopening of the President's Wound.

## SOLID FOOD NOW GIVEN

This Morning He Asked For A Cigar, But It Was Denied Him.

## NEWS THE BEST POSSIBLE

Buffalo, Sept. 12.—There is still further good news from the president today. This morning he took the first solid food since he was shot. He wanted a cigar, but was told he would have to wait a little longer. The doctors are highly elated.

The danger from two sources were pronounced practically over. The holes in the stomach proper, caused by the perforation of the bullet, are now considered healed by Dr. McBurney and his assistants and the eminent surgeon pointed to the fact that the beef juice, fed to the patient last night, was readily digested, as proof of this. Sufficient time has also elapsed to warrant the doctors in asserting that the danger of inflammation where the bullet lodged has disappeared. It is believed that the bullet has now become encysted in the muscles of the back and unless its location should prove troublesome later on there will never be any necessity for removing it. Dr. Mann, in speaking in regard to this today, said he knew a man who lived for years with a bullet in the muscles of his heart.

The attention of the physicians is now, therefore, mainly directed to the care and treatment of the wound caused by the incision made into the abdomen above the naval where the operation was performed. This wound is progressing satisfactorily.

"Decided benefit followed the dressing of the wound last night," is the way the doctors put it officially.

Another milestone on the road to recovery was the discontinuance by the doctors of the figures showing respiration variations in their official bulletins as the president now breathes deeply and normally.

The president continues in excellent spirits, but he confessed to one of the attendants that he was getting homesome. He requested that he be placed in another bed. A depression had formed in the mattress on which he has lain since he was taken to the Milburn house and had caused some discomfort. Another bed was provided for and he was carefully moved. He has asked several times if there was any news which he should know, but inquiries, especially about public matters, are discouraged and the rigid inhibition against the admission of any one except his wife and faithful secretary has not been relaxed. It is now decided that no attempt will be made to move the president to Washington until he has completely recovered, and in a general way it can be said that there is no likelihood that this will be until October.

Mrs. McKinley still displays the same fortitude she has shown since the tragedy occurred.

The five members of the cabinet who are here talked over pending public questions for an hour today at the Glenlynn house, adjoining the Milburn residence, but it is understood that no action resulted. The South American situation was gone over and there was an exchange of opinion regarding the legal phases of the case against the would-be assassin. It can be stated again in the most positive manner that there is no conflict of authority between the state and federal authorities for the possession of the prisoner. The members of the cabinet, Attorney General Knox and Secretary Gage, as well as those who are here, are unanimously of the opinion that Czolgosz's offense is against the state of New York and Erie county and that there is no federal statute to cover the case.

## COUNCIL MEETS.

MAYOR LANG CALLS A SESSION FOR THIS EVENING.

At several days ago, the council met tonight in called session to consider the proposition to maintain a public library, provided one is furnished the city. Mayor Lang this morning called the meeting, and it is expected that the members of the municipal association will be on hand to address the council.

No meeting was announced for last night and none called.

Robert Jackson, white, was arrested this afternoon charged with drunkenness, by officers Harlan and Hart. Jackson was dismissed from the lockup only this morning.

## THE SCHOOLS.

Daily Additions Swell the Enrollment Very Perceptibly.

The Complete Enrollment Will Not Reach its Maximum For Two Weeks.

The full attendance of the Paducah public schools will not be learned until the expiration of at least two weeks for many pupils hold out that length of time every year.

Prof. Hatfield stated that from one to a dozen pupils enter daily and that in some cases as many as one hundred have entered within a week after the schools had been opened.

"I think," he said, "that the attendance now is about as large as at the closing of school last term but before the week is out I think the attendance will be several hundred larger. New pupils are continually coming in and swelling the enrollment. The school attendance has been on the steady increase for the past several years and I think this year will see more pupils enrolled than ever before and more even than was expected."

## GOT TEN YEARS

Shelby Bell, a One Legged Negro, Gets a Heavy Sentence.

## JURY WAS OUT TWO DAYS

Ernest Elmendorf Acquitted on a Charge of Aiding Prisoners to Escape From Jail.

## OTHER CIRCUIT COURT NEWS

The Shelby Bell rape case has at last been settled, the jury returning a verdict of guilty shortly after noon today, fixing his sentence at ten years in the penitentiary.

The charge was preferred over one year ago by Goldie O'Neil and the case was tried last term of court. The jury remained hung and was discharged, the case remaining over to this term. The jury got the case yesterday morning and was out all day and last night and up till noon today before the verdict could be reached. This makes about the fourth time he has been charged for rape and has served several terms in the penitentiary for similar crimes. Bell is a one legged negro.

The case against Ernest Elmendorf, for aiding prisoners to escape from the jail, was tried today and a verdict of "not guilty" was returned. Elmendorf sent a book up to a "friend" who was confined in the county jail and it was claimed the book contained fine saws between the leaves.

The case against Frank Petty, for maliciously shooting, was continued.

At press time George McElroy, colored, who sold a pail of butter to Jennie Owen, claiming the goods to be his own and receiving 40 cents for the same, was arraigned before the court. He pleaded guilty and the case was given to the jury.

McElroy got one year in the penitentiary.

Buck McGee, colored, who was a co-operate of the McElroy boy, is also indicted for the same offense and will next be given a hearing.

Ed Morton, colored, who pleaded guilty to the charge of hog stealing, was given two years in the penitentiary late yesterday afternoon.

Jennie Keith was granted a divorce from her husband, John Keith, in circuit court this morning.

Buck McGee and George McElroy, colored, were indicted on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses by stealing some butter and selling it.

## HAND BADLY MASHED.

Julie Starrett, an employee at Sowell's mill, had a hand caught between two rollers yesterday afternoon just before closing time, and the member was badly mangled. Dr. Coyle dressed the injury, and it is not believed that amputation will be necessary.

## NOTICE.

All persons knowing themselves indebted to the firm of Hank Bros. and Jones are requested to call at our office and settle same before October 1, 1901, as the interests of the late T. T. Jones must be wound up at once. Thanking the public for past favors and soliciting a continuance of same, We are yours respectfully,

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## VERY FLIMSY

Bud Anderson Says His Wife Struck Him With a Bat.

## WAS CAUGHT LAST NIGHT

He Could Not Give a \$1,000 Bond and Went to Jail Until Monday.

## COLORFUL BULLY FINED HEAVILY

Bud Anderson, colored, an employee of Sowell's mill who shot Rosa Anderson, his wife, in the breast with a pistol last Tuesday afternoon, was captured last night by Lieut. Moore and Officers Gourieux, Eich and Rogers, in the woods on the Symsonia road, three miles from the city.

Anderson was at the time coming towards the city with his brother, and a note in his pocket showed that he had been warned by a sister that the police were aware of his whereabouts and would come for him. He claims he was coming to the city to surrender.

The police, however, think he was coming to the city to catch a train and escape. He had a pistol, but discreetly refrained from using it.

The woman's wounds are rapidly healing. Anderson claims that he shot her in self-defense. He alleges that she struck him in the head with a baseball bat and knocked him down,

and he then shot her. He has a scar on his forehead which he says was made by the bat.

The officers had a hard, wet chase after him, the rain falling in torrents while they were in the woods en route to the place they knew he was hiding.

This morning Anderson was arraigned in the police court on a charge of malicious shooting and wounding with intent to kill, and the case was continued until Monday on account of the inability of the main witness to attend. His bail is \$1,000, in default of which he was committed to jail.

Bill Stewart, colored, was arrested last night by Officers Crow and Etter on a charge of beating up Mary Reynolds. He only recently finished serving a fine for a similar offense. He was today fined \$30 and costs and was recognized in the sum of \$300 to keep the peace.

A breach of the peace case against Moses Ellis, colored, charged with engaging in a fight at Terrell's stable, was continued.

## RED CROSS ORGANIZED.

NEW LODGE IN PADUCAH INSTALLED LAST NIGHT.

State Organizer Andrew Murphy and B. G. Miller last night organized a lodge of the Ancient Order of the Red Cross, a fraternal and insurance order in the Woodmen's hall. There are about thirty members and the following are the officers:

P. C. W. Emery; V. P., J. W. Halsey; Pres., Frank Brown; Treas., Dr. W. F. Alvey; Sec., J. B. Flash; G. J. A. Calloway; I. G., Henry Douglas; O. G., J. H. Thompson; Trustees, Austin Owens, Henry Lehnard, W. S. Robinson.

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